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May 31, 2020

Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, Music Director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Spirit of the Living God*

Hymnal, No. 226

*Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me,  
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me,  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

With rushing wind and holy fire...

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

With tongues of flame and hopes rekindled...

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

With visions birthed and dreams restored...

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

With spacious grace and depth untold...

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

With rushing wind and holy fire...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

\*HYMN

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

Hymnal, No. 233

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Spirit of Pentecost, blow open the doors of our shut up hearts. Set our tongues free to proclaim your praise. Bless our youth with visions, and our elders with dreams. Bestow our children with gifts of prophecy, and renew the faith of your people throughout the world. Blow into our lives, once more, Holy One, and help us find the strength and courage to become the people you call us to be. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

*\* Indicates all who are able may stand*

ANTHEM

*Spirit Song*

~ J. Wimber  
Keith Ciccone, Piano  
Michael Frady, Baritone

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1-21

SERMON

**“First Hand Experience”**

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

HYMN

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

Hymnal, No. 234

INVITATION TO OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures, here, below.  
Praise Him, above, ye heav’nly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**By your love, Holy God, you have created all that is. In your Spirit you renew creation. Use our gifts to help bring justice and mercy to those in need. Send your Spirit upon us and transform us, that our world might know your love. We offer our gifts, knowing that they come from your Spirit. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Hymnal, No. 579

SERENITY PRAYER

~ Reinhold Niebuhr

**God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever in the next. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



**Thank you** for viewing this Service of Worship from First Congregational Church.

*Worship will remain online only until further notice.*

**About Today's Service:** This worship service was recorded on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Special thanks to videographer, director and editor **Glenn Holton** who is responsible for the production of our online worship videos.



Following worship, please join us for Remote Coffee Hour:

**Time: May 31, 2020 @ approximately 10:30 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRfCwUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 937 7165

Password: FCC1707

### Coming June 21st: Music Sunday HYMN SING!



This will be a Hymn Sing like you've never seen before! Join us virtually for our annual musical celebration of faith. Musical recordings will come to you from the First Church Sanctuary and from the homes of some of our musician friends. A link to the Hymn Sing will be sent by email and will be posted on the website on Sunday morning, June 21st. We can all watch together at 9:30 AM, our usual worship time.

As always, if you would like to sponsor one or more hymns *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* a loved one, please fill out [this request form](#). To ensure your request is included in our special bulletin, please return it to the church office *no later than Monday, June 15th*. Scan your form (or take a photo) and email it to Deb at [office@firstchurchbraintree.com](mailto:office@firstchurchbraintree.com) or drop it in the office mailbox (slot in the door on the side of the church near the garden). If you choose to mail it in please be sure it will be *received* by 6/15. You can also email the information without filling out the form but please be sure to answer all the questions. Email Deb with any questions.

Our worship services are also broadcast (with a week's delay) on BCAM on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. & Sundays at 10 a.m. Tune to Comcast Channel 9 or Verizon Channel 28.



**First Church Office Hours** are Monday through Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm.

To reach us, please call 781-843-3616 and LEAVE A BRIEF MESSAGE. Even if we are not physically in the office, we will be retrieving messages during regular office hours and will get back to you. Or send an email to: [office@firstchurchbraintree.com](mailto:office@firstchurchbraintree.com) or Pastor Michael: [pastormichael@firstchurchbraintree.com](mailto:pastormichael@firstchurchbraintree.com).

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